

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping adapted for use with a prosthetic dental abutment, the coping being anatomically resemblant to a tooth selected from the group consisting of a molar, a premolar, a canine and an incisor,

wherein the coping is not premounted to an abutment but is selectable and attachable to an abutment by a clinician; and

wherein the coping is adapted to be rotatably mounted to an abutment with 360° of freedom.

2-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1, wherein the coping is adapted to form a snap fit with the abutment and withstand rotational forces during manufacture of a tooth preparation.

8-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1, wherein the coping comprises a "burn out" plastic or lost wax material that is usable in a lost-wax process.

13. (Currently amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 12, wherein the burn-out plastic is a polycarbonate resin.

14. (Currently amended) A dental prosthetic assembly comprising:
a dental prosthetic abutment which is adapted for attachment to a dental implant placed in a patient; and

a prosthetic dental plastics coping that is anatomically resemblant to a tooth,
wherein the abutment is adapted to engage the coping and the coping is not premounted to
the abutment; and

wherein the abutment forms a rotatable fit with the coping with 360° of freedom.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 14, wherein
the abutment is provided with means for forming a stable retaining joint with the coping during the
preparation thereof.

17. (Currently amended) A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 16, wherein
the coping comprises corresponding means for forming a stable retaining joint with the abutment.

18. (Currently amended) A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 17, wherein
the stable retaining joints of the abutment and the coping comprise an annular recess and an
annular lip adapted to engage with one another.

19. (Currently amended) A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 18, wherein
the abutment is provided with the annular lip and the coping is provided with the annular recess.

20. (Currently amended) A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 18, wherein
the abutment is provided with the annular recess and the coping is provided with the annular lip.

21. (Currently amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to
claim 1, wherein the coping comprises a transgingival margin.

22-55. (Cancelled)